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Air Force Commander. The Chief of Staff position remained vacant for the remainder of the year.

ORGANIZATION

Discontinuance of
2d Air Division

On 1 April, the 2d Air Division at Dhahran Airfield, Saudi Arabia, was discontinued.

Discontinuance of
Tactical Wings

Between July and September, Air National Guard units were redeployed to the US. Consequently, the five USAFE tactical wings in France which supported them were discontinued.

OPERATIONS

Turnover of
Jupiter Site

On 22 October, USAFE turned over SM-78 Jupiter Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile launch position four to the Turkish Air Force maintenance and operation. This was the first Jupiter launch position to be assigned the Turks.

Arrival of
First T-39

The first USAFE T-39 jet transport arrived at Wiesbaden AB on 17 July.

Border War,
India-China

In November, India requested airlift assistance to transport supplies to airfields near the northern border of India where Communist Chinese troops had intruded. Twelve USAFE C-130s served on this mission for several months.

Humanitarian Missions

North German
Flood Disaster

On 17 February, devastating floods inundated the north German coastal region around Hamburg. USAFE responded to an appeal for assistance with supplies, blankets, clothing, and equipment to aid the flood victims.